

## The Story Of The First Easter

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And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him,

"Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?"

And he said unto them, "What things?"

And they said unto him,

"Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre; and when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive. And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not."

Then he said unto them,

"O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?"

And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went; and he made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying,

"Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent."

And he went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

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Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them,

"Peace be unto you."

And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him,

"We have seen the Lord."

But he said unto them,

"Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe."

And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said,

"Peace be unto you."

Then saith he to Thomas,

"Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side; and be not faithless, but believing."

And Thomas answered and said unto him,

"My Lord and my God."

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And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted

## STRICTLY PERSONAL

By WEIMAR JONES

Continued From Editorial Page for the state of his personal feelings.

If he says yes when he should say no, he's trying to run things and when he says no, he's either lazy or high-hat.

He must be prepared to serve as an authority on many things that have nothing to do with his business. If he professes ignorance of anything he must, therefore, be prepared to be termed an ignoramus who shouldn't be allowed to walk around without a guardian.

Let him drag himself away to pick up the pieces of a shattered nervous system and he's accused of making so much money that he no longer needs to work.

If he wears himself out at an early age he is termed a foolish man who never learned how to relax and if he quits he's gotten rich "off the town" and is probably guilty of many nefarious practices.

I can sympathize with Louis Graves when he writes that "I've been getting very tired" but I wouldn't trade places with him—because, despite all the headaches, this is still the most interesting job that I know anything about and, I suppose, I'll have to be dragged out, feet first, when I've worn myself out enjoying it.

## News Making

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ry S. Truman, asked of the Congress a balanced budget. It was the fault of the Congress that their requests were not granted. They considered it sound government practice to operate under a balanced budget and I adhere to the same philosophy. Fortunately North Carolina has always functioned under a balanced budget by reason of which our great State is recognized as being one of the best governed states of the Union.

President Eisenhower failed up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

to request of the Congress a balanced budget and seems content to go along with deficit spending. I think you will agree that that method of government financing can only lead to instability and eventual ruin to the country — just what the Communists want. The Budget Bureau estimates that the 1955 deficit will be two billion eight hundred million dollars. Had the motion to recommit H.R. 8300 prevailed, the estimated 1955 deficit would have been increased by two billion five hundred million dollars, making a total deficit of five billion three hundred million dollars. Some estimates placed the deficit even higher. The revenue loss occasioned by the current tax bill which was submitted to the Congress as a tax reform measure amounts to the sum of two hundred million dollars. In view of these figures I could not conscientiously vote to further widen the breach between a balanced and unbalanced budget by increasing the deficit approximately two billion five hundred million dollars.

It also appears to me that an increase of the deficit might necessitate increasing the national debt. President Eisenhower asked for such an increase in the closing days of the first session of the 83rd Congress, and the Republican majority brought to the Floor of the House a bill to increase the debt by some fifteen billion dollars. To this I was opposed as my vote will indicate.

I dislike high taxes as much as you do and hope in the very near future that the same can be further reduced without injury to the economy of this Nation. It does not seem that this is possible presently if we are to remain financially sound and supply the necessities for National Security.

I contemplated voting against the entire bill, based upon the reasons set forth above, but there were certain features in the eight hundred or more pages of the same I could not part with good conscience vote against. They constituted reforms needed in our tax laws. I refer to the important changes relating to individuals; (a) increased allowances for child welfare expenses, (b) increased allowances for medical expenses,

## HOSPITAL HAS BIGGEST YEAR

Assets Of Angel Hospital Totaled \$117,931.68 In '53

In 1953, Angel Hospital, Inc., experienced the best year in its history, according to Dr. Edgar Angel.

At the annual meeting of the hospital board of directors March 30, the doctor reported a surplus of \$117,931.68, as of December 31, 1953.

Most of the profits were realized from investments, he explained, including Canton Building and Loan, Haywood Building and Loan, Macon Building and Loan, Citizens and Southern Bank, Atlanta, Ga., and several private loans in Franklin.

The 56-bed hospital, which was incorporated in 1940, also experienced the lowest number of free days of care, Dr. Angel reported.

Contributions from the Duke University endowment (\$1 per day for indigent patients) totaled only \$395, as compared with \$581 in 1952. Undisclosed individuals donated \$1,533.80 for the care of indigent patients, the doctor told the board, with

(c) increased credit for dependents, (d) enlarging the definition of heads of families, (e) exempting retirement income up to \$1200, and (f) expanding the allowances to farmers for soil and water conservation, and permitting depreciation on farm equipment and utilities.

The bill also continued the corporate tax rate of fifty-two per cent which I approve. Under existing law this rate was 2-NEWS MAGING—ED P — scheduled to be reduced to forty-seven per cent by April 1, 1954. Since we had to either take all of the bill or none of it, it appeared to me that the advantages outweighed the disadvantages. I think I voted in the interest of the American people. That certainly was my intent. I trust that the future will prove my reasoning sound.

I yield to no man my loyalty to the Democratic party. I have supported and will continue to support it for I believe in its established principles. It is a big party, big enough to contain people who do not always agree on every particular subject.

## APRIL IS BUSY AT CULLASAJA

By MRS. ELMA J. RUSSELL  
(Community Reporter)

Reports given at the April meeting of the Cullasaja Rural Community Development Organization showed that the past month has been a busy one.

The parsonage at the Cullasaja Assembly of God Church has been completely redecorated, a well dug, electric pump installed and bath room put in. Also shrubbery has been set out around the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Estes built a back porch and seeded their lawn.

Three kitchens have been remodeled and new cabinets built.

Two home makers redecorated their living rooms and re-upholstered furniture.

Fifteen hundred white pine seedlings have been set out.

Nine acres of grass sowed for permanent pasture and 10 acres sowed for hay.

Two yards and one garden have been fenced in.

Two home owners have reseeded their lawns and set out shrubbery.

Two new television sets have been installed, one garden tractor and one power saw purchased.

Everyone is busy cleaning yards, planting flowers and gardens, and hoping the rain will stop and the ground get dry enough for real farm work.

## BUCK CREEK NEWS

By MRS. BEATRICE ROGERS

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Rogers and Herman Rogers, of Gastonia, spent the week-end here with relatives.

Mrs. Western Rhodes, of Charlotte, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Rogers, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. George Barnes, of Lenoir, visited friends and relatives here this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rogers, of Clayton, Ga., visited Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Rogers, this week-end.

George Bowman, of Mill Creek, visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Rogers and family visited relatives in Westminster, S. C., recently.

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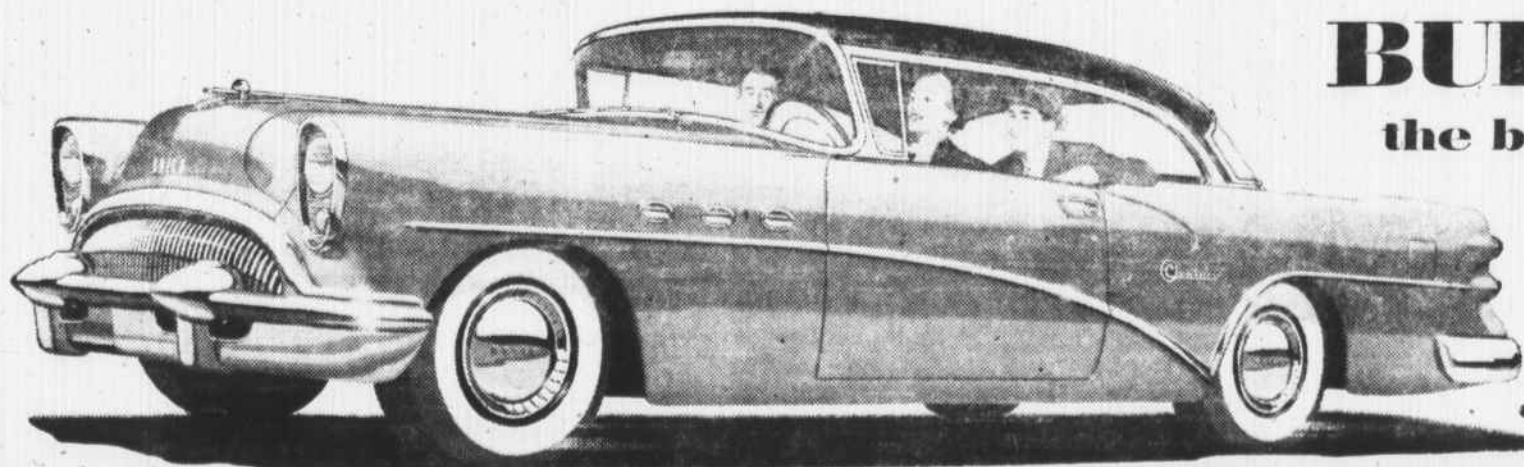
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